

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7.(Canceled)

8.(Original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame including a storage portion,

a deck coupled to the frame, the deck including a head section, a seat section and first and second laterally spaced apart outer leg support sections adjacent the seat section, the seat section and the first and second outer leg support sections being configured to define a central opening therebetween,

a removable center leg support configured for movement between a first position located within the central opening and coupled to the deck to provide a portion of the deck and a second storage position detached from the deck and located in the storage portion of the frame and below the deck,

wherein the frame is formed to include a first receptacle and the deck is formed to include a second receptacle, and

a removable calf support having a mounting portion configured to be located in the first receptacle to store the removable calf support beneath the deck, the mounting portion being configured to be located in the second receptacle to support a patient's leg above the deck.

9.(Original) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the frame has a longitudinal axis, and wherein the mounting portion of the calf support is configured to extend in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is located in the first receptacle, the mounting portion of the removable calf support being configured to extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is in the second receptacle.

10-23.(Canceled)

24.(Original) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a base,

a frame coupled to the base, the frame being formed to include a first receptacle,

a deck configured to support the patient, the deck being formed to include a second receptacle, and

a removable calf support having a mounting portion configured to be located in the first receptacle to store the removable calf support beneath the deck, the mounting portion being configured to be located in the second receptacle to support a patient's leg above the deck.

25.(Original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the frame has a longitudinal axis, and wherein the mounting portion of the calf support is configured to extend in a direction generally parallel to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is located in the first receptacle, the mounting portion of the removable calf support being configured to extend in a direction generally perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the frame when the removable calf support is in the second receptacle.

26.(Original) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the calf support includes a calf support surface coupled to the mounting portion by an adjustable linkage.

27-36.(Canceled)

37.(New) A patient support apparatus comprising:

a frame having a first receptacle,

a deck having a second receptacle, and

a removable calf support having a mounting shaft configured to be located in the first receptacle to store the removable calf support beneath the deck, the mounting shaft being configured to be located in the second receptacle to support a patient's leg above the deck.

38.(New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the calf support includes a calf support tray and an adjustable linkage coupled to the calf support tray and coupled to the mounting shaft.

39.(New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the calf support tray has a concave calf support surface.

40.(New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the calf support tray has a rounded perimeter.

41.(New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the adjustable linkage includes a lockable joint.

42.(New) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the lockable joint is a ball joint.

43.(New) The apparatus of claim 41, wherein the lockable joint includes a ball coupled to the calf support tray and a socket coupled to the mounting shaft.

44.(New) The apparatus of claim 43, wherein the adjustable linkage includes an offset arm extending outwardly from the mounting shaft and coupled to the socket, and the mounting shaft, when received in the second receptacle, is rotatable about a central axis of the second receptacle.

45.(New) The apparatus of claim 38, wherein the adjustable linkage includes an offset arm extending outwardly from the mounting shaft and coupled to the calf support tray, and the mounting shaft, when received in the second receptacle, is rotatable about a central axis of the second receptacle.

46.(New) The apparatus of claim 45, wherein the offset arm is coupled to the calf support tray by a lockable joint.

47.(New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the first receptacle extends generally parallel to a longitudinal axis of the frame.

48.(New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the frame includes first and second longitudinally-extending channels which are spaced apart, and the first receptacle is positioned laterally inwardly of one of the first and second channels.

49.(New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the second receptacle extends generally perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the frame.

50.(New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the second receptacle is coupled to an outside surface of the deck.

51.(New) The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the mounting shaft has a gripping portion.